आवंटित किये जाने वाले व्यक्तियों के नामों, स्थानों और वर्षों का ब्यौरा क्या क्या है;

(ख) क्या उच्चतम न्यायालय में मामला लम्बित होने के बावजूद जिले के झंझारपुर खण्ड में मंत्री के विवेकाधीन कोटे से गैस एजेंसी की स्वीकृति दी गई है;

(ग) क्या सरकार उच्चतम न्यायालय में मामला दायर होने के बाद मंत्री के विवेकाधीन कोटे से दी गई ऐसी एजेंसियों को रद्द करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी० आर० बालू): (क) बिहार के मधुबनी जिले में सरकार द्वारा कोई पेट्रोल पम्प या गैस एजेन्सी अवंटित नहीं की गयी है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Amending Article 370 for Greater Autonomy to J&K

578. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stand of the Government on amending Article 370 relating to special status of J & K; and

(b) what are the details of areas in which the Government are considering to grant greater autonomy to J&K?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. SUBRAMONIYAN):

(a) The Government do not propose to amend article 370 of the Constitution or dilute the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) while Government is in favour of giving maximum autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir, it would not be feasible to spell out any details in this regard at this stage. The Government's view is that the details would need to be worked out after discussions when there is an elected Assembly and Government in the State.

Disposal of Plots, Houses, through Power of Attorney

579. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale and purchase of plots, built up houses and flats through the Power of Attorney has become a common practice in the metropolis;

(b) if so, whether this deprives the public exchequer of revenue worth crores of rupees which otherwise would have accrued to it by way of registration charges, stamp duty, etc; and

(c) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) Instances of sale andd purchase of properties through the General Power of Attorney (GPA) have come to the notice of the Government with a view to check the erasion of Stamp Duty & Registration charges through this, a proposal for compulsory registration of the GPA's and amendments to the Transfer of Property Act, Indian Stamps Act etc. is under consideration of the Government in consultation with Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Import of Coking Coal for Power Plant

580. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import 7 million tonnes of coking coal during 1996-97 to meet the demand of the power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated cost involved;

(c) the extent to which the imports are likely to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coking coal; and

(d) the extent to which the power supply position in the country is likely to improve as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) During the year 1996-97, there is a gap of 25 million tonnes of coal between the demand (215 million tonnes) and the agreed supply (190 million tonnes) of non-coking coal in the power sector. To bridge the gap, coastal States such as T.N., Karnataka, A.P., and Gujarat have been advised to import coal for use at their stations. So far only T.N. has imported coal and presently an import order of 2.5 million tonnes of coal is under execution.

(d) Depending on the quantum of actual import of coal, the generation of electricity would get augmented.

Setting up expansion/upgradation of Fruit & Vegetable Processing Industries in Nagpur

581. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any developmental plan/scheme to provide assistance for setting up of the new and expansion/upgradation of the existing fruit and vegetable processing industries particularly orange based in Nagpur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage educated unempoyed youths' Co-operatives in the district in such industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Plan scheme under which assistance is provided to Public Sector/Joint Sector/ Cooperative Sector units etc. for establishment or upgradation or expansion of fruit & vegetable processing units including orange processing. These assistances are available to any viable proposals for setting up/upgradation/expansion of food processing units in any part of the country including Nagpur in Maharashtra. Such assistance upto 30% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs (50% in case of ITDP Districts, subject to a maximum of Rs. 100 lakhs) can be extended for a viable project subject to availability of funds. However, no such proposal seeking assistance for setting up of new unit or expansion/ upgradation of the existing orange processing unit has been received from Nagpur in Maharashtra.

With a view to encourage and equip entrepreneurs to set up a small and cottage scale food processing industry, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is operating a Plan scheme during the 8th Plan wherein assistance is provided to organisations including Cooperative sector interested in setting up and operating Food Processing & Training Centres for training the entrepreneurs in various areas of processing techniques, quality products, quality control, accountancy, book-keeping, marketing etc. to enable the unemployed youths/ other entrepreneurs to set up their own small and cottage scale food processing industries.

योग्यता सूची में स्थान प्राप्त करने वाले अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के उम्मीदवारों को अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के कोटे में रखा जाना

582. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा 1995-96 में आयोजित सिविल सेवा परीक्षा में सामान्य योग्यता सूची में आने वाले पिछड़े वर्गों के उम्मीदवारों को पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए आरक्षित 27 प्रतिशत कोटे में रखा गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की आरक्षण नीति क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार पिछड़े वर्गों के उन उम्मीदवारों को जो परीक्षा में सामान्य श्रेणी के उम्मीदवारों के साथ [illegible]